

MSAs with the Worst Unemployment Rates

California again had 11 of the MSAs among the 25 regions with the worst unemployment rates in March, including El Centro MSA (Imperial County) with the worst unemployment rate in the nation. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim MSA remained out of this group, dropping to #304 in a tie with 9 other MSAs in other states. The best performing California urban region was again San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara MSA tied with 14 other MSAs at #38, with an unemployment rate of 2.5% compared to the best performing MSA, Logan, UT-ID MSA at 1.7%.

MSA	March Unemp. Rate	Rank (out of 389)
El Centro MSA	14.0%	389
Merced MSA	9.3%	386
Visalia-Porterville MSA	9.2%	385
Salinas MSA	8.8%	384
Hanford-Corcoran MSA	8.5%	383
Bakersfield MSA	8.3%	380
Fresno MSA	7.6%	377
Yuba City MSA	7.4%	376
Madera MSA	7.1%	373
Stockton-Lodi MSA	6.6%	368
Modesto MSA	6.5%	365